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SUBJECT: ANGOLA RECOGNITION

REF: A) STATE 265503 B) LISBON 6550

1. ON NOVEMBER 10, POLCOUNS CALLED ON MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL
DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A.

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IN SPECIFIC ANSWER TO THE POINTS RAISED IN PARA 8, REF A:

(1) THE DANISH ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA COINCIDES WITH OUR; (2) THE DANES ARE AWARE OF THE ACTUAL SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO TERRITORIAL/POPULATION CONTROL; AND (3) THE DANES WILL NOT, AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE, MOVE TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA.

2. BIERRING SAID THAT A DECLARATION (NOT YET DRAFTED) BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 11). THE DECLARATION WILL EXPRESS DANISH SATISFACTION WITH THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE; COMPLIMENT THE PORTUGUESE ON THEIR DECOLONIZATION PROGRAM; EXPRESS BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF ANGOLA AND THE HOPE THAT CONDITIONS WITHIN THE COUNTRY WILL ALLOW THE DANES (1) TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ANGOLASN GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND (2) TO RESUME AID TO ANGOLA.

3. BENT HAAKONSEN, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDES AFRICA, WAS ALSO PRESENT AND NOTED THAT DANISH AID - WHICH HAS HERETOFORE GONE ONLY TO THE MPLA FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES (THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT, PRIMARILY, ACCORDING TO HAAKONSEN) - WILL BE SUSPENDED AS OF TODAY. IN THE DANISH FY 1973-74, THIS ASSISTANCE TOTALED ABOUT \$483,000. IT WILL BE RESUMED WHEN A GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED THAT THE DANES ARE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE UNDER EXISTING CRITERIA OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, E.G., CONTROL OF MOST OF THE PEOPLE AND TERRITORY, ETC.

4. IN OTHER WORDS, BIERRING SAID, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION OF THE DANES RECOGNIZING THE MPLA AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA AT THIS TIME. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE QUEEN YESTERDAY RECEIVED A CABLE FROM AGOSTINO NETO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MPLA INVITING HER AND A PARTY OF "NO MORE THAN SIX" TO ATTEND THE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS TOMORROW. THE DANES WILL NOT REPLY SINCE SUCH A REPLY MIGHT BE REGARDED AS RECOGNITION.

5. BIERRING SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REAL COORDINATION ON THIS QUESTION AMONG THE EC 9 TO REACH A COMMON
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POSITION. THE DANES DID RECEIVE A TELEGRAM FROM THE BELGIANS OVER THE WEEKEND SAYING THAT, CONTRARY TO REPORTS (REF B), THE BELGIANS HAD NOT BEEN INVITED AND WILL NOT ATTEND THE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY. HAAKONSEN, WHO WAS NOT AWARE OF THE REPORT THAT THE SWEDES HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION, SAID SPOKE WITH HIS COUNTERPART IN THE SWEDISH MFA LATE LAST WEEK. ALTHOUGH HAAKONSEN DID NOT QUESTION HIS COUNTERPART SPECIFICALLY

ON THE INVITATION ISSUE, HE SAID THAT THE SWEDES TOLD HIM
THEY PLANNED TO ISSUE A DECLARATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE
DANES' AND THAT NO OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
WOULD ATTEND THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY.

6. COMMENT: THE DANES APPEAR TO BE SOLIDLY WITH US ON
THIS ISSUE.
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